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RE: Review of the June 2, 2014 Forest Conservation Plan (FCP), Aris T. Allen Blvd.

Mr. Mellits,

Following are comments from the Dept. of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs regarding the Forest Conservation Plan for the Aris T. Allen Blvd. development:

1. In your June 2, 2014 response to our earlier comments, pp. 4 and 5, items 1 – 4, you identify steep slopes as a priority area and specimen trees as a priority for retention. While both references are valid, you have neglected to discuss the retention and disturbance (items 4a and 4b) of the site as a contiguous forest, which it is. In making their determination of approval of the subdivision, the Planning Commission agreed that development could occur on part of the site, despite it's being a forest, because more than 50% of the total canopy area and the highest quality forest were preserved while the part of the site that is to be cleared was to be mitigated with additional tree plantings. Please amend your response accordingly.
2. Mitigation for the removal of specimen trees was accounted for in the Planning Commission approval.
3. We have a preference for native species trees along Aris Allen Blvd. A red line amendment to the landscape plan is acceptable.

The tolling legislation, Ordinance O-21-12, Tolling Approval and Permit Expiration, would appear to have included the previous FSD and FCP as part of the subdivision approval by the Planning Commission. The updates to the FSD and FCP are required because of the ensuing time interval.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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